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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE DEC 15 2005**

Applicant : BIAGI et al.  
 Serial No. : 10/718,333  
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 Filed : November 20, 2003  
 For : ULTRASOUND IMAGE...  
 Art Unit : 3737  
 Examiner : Francis J. Jaworski  
 Dated : December 15, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

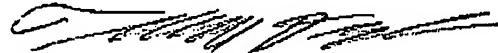
The Office Action dated August 19, 2005 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired November 19, 2005.

Since the attached response is being filed within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant attaches a Credit Card Payment Form and respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$120.00 (fee code 1251).

Respectfully submitted  
 for Applicant(s),

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